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1. FOLLOWING GOG MESSAGE OF JULY 17 TO CREDITOR COUNTRIES  
AMENDING JUNE 28 MESSAGE (REF B) RECEIVED TODAY FROM UK  
HIGH COMMISSION.

2. BEGIN TEXT: MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA TO  
THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE CREDITOR COUNTRIES ON THE IMPLEMENTA-  
TION OF THE AGREED MINUTE DATED 13 TH MARCH, 1974.

FURTHER TO THE ABOVE MESSAGE WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF  
GHANA DELIVERED ON THE 28TH JUNE, 1974, THE GOVERNMENT OF  
GHANA WISHES TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE CREDITOR  
COUNTRIES THAT IN THE LIGHT OF FRESH EVIDENCE WHICH HAS  
BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA SINCE  
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COMMUNICATING THE ABOVE MESSAGE, ITS POSITION SET

FORTH I THE SAID MESSAGE IS MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

(I) PARAGRAPH 1 IS DELETED AND THE FOLLOWING  
SUBSTITUTED THEREFOR:

QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA DOES  
NOT ACCEPT THE VALIDITY OF THE CONTRACT  
DATED 17TH OCTOBER, 1961 BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENT OF GHANA AND MESSRS. HENSCHEL  
WERKE OF WEST GERMANY FOR THE SUPPLY OF  
FOUR DIESEL HYDRAULIC LOCOMOTIVES, ALL  
AGREEMENTS SUPPLEMENTAL THERETO, ALL  
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS ISSUED IN CONNECTION  
THEREWITH, AND ALL CLAIMS ARISING FROM SUCH  
CONTRACT, AGREEMENTS OR NEGOTIABLE  
INSTRUMENTS. UNQUOTE.

(II) THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA WISHES TO AMEND PARAGRAPH  
2 OF THE ABOVE MESSAGE OF 28TH JUNE, 1974 BY  
ADDING THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT TO THE CONTRACTS  
LISTED UNDER THE SAID PARAGAPH;

QUOTE: (D) THE CONTRACT DATED 29TH DECEMBER,  
1964 BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA ACTING  
BY THE TEMA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND MESSRS  
SOCIETE GENERALE DE COMPENSATION (SOGECO)  
OF FRANCE AS AMENDED BY CONTRACT DATED THE 11TH  
MARCH, 1967 BETWEEN THE SAME PARTIES FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF BLOCKS OF FLATS AT TEMA AND  
ALL AGREEMENTS SUPPLEMENTAL THERETO. UNQUOTE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS REGRETS FOR ANY  
INCONVENIENCE CAUSED BY THESE AMENDMENTS.  
17TH JULY, 1974.

(SIGNED) MAJOR GENERAL N.Y.R. ASHLEY-LASSEN, LEADER OF  
THE GHANA NEGOTIATING TEAM. END TEXT

3. COMMENT. ORIGINAL TEXT REFERRED TO SUPPLY OF TEN  
LOCOMOTIVES BY HENSCHEL OF WEST GERMANY; THIS IS  
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NOW REDUCED TO FOUR LOCOMOTIVES. HENSCHEL  
CONTRACT, WITH REDUCED VALUE, REMAINS ONLY ONE  
BESIDES THOSE REPUDIATED IN 1972 WHOSE VALIDITY  
GOG DOES NOT ACCEPT. CONTRACT WITH SOGECO  
OF FRANCE HAS NOW BEEN SHIFTED TO LIST OF CONTRACTS  
OPEN TO CHALLENGE ON GROUNDS OF PERFORMANCE (BUT  
NOT RE VALIDITY). WE ASSUME REDUCED VALUE OF LIST  
OF CONTRACTS WHOSE VALIDITY GOG DOES NOT ACCEPT IS

NOW WELL BELOW THE "DANGER LINE".

4. UNDERSTAND COMMITTEE HAS NOW BEEN SET UP TO REVIEW  
84 CONTRACTS OF NON-IMF MEMBERS, I.E. COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.  
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